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### IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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Applicant

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2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. <b>PCT/SG 2002/000244</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>19 October 2002 (19.10.2002)</b>	Priority Date (day/month/year)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC  <b>IPC<sup>7</sup>: D21H 11/12</b>		
Applicant <b>GRENIDEA TECHNOLOGIES PTE LTD</b>		

<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examination Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>  3  </u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>                    </u> sheets.</p>
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the opinion</li> <li>II. <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</li> <li>III. <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</li> <li>IV. <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</li> <li>V. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</li> <li>VI. <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</li> <li>VII. <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</li> <li>VIII. <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</li> </ul>

Date of submission of the demand  <b>17.05.2004</b>	Date of completion of this report  <b>24 January 2005 (24.01.2005)</b>
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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/SG 2002/000244

## I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

☒ the international application as originally filed

☐ the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the claims:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the drawings:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the sequence listing part of the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in printed form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_.

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as „originally filed“ and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement			
1. Statement Novelty (N)	Claims	3-7,10,12	YES
	Claims	1,2,8,9,11	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	3-7,10,12	YES
	Claims	1,2,8,9,11	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims	—	NO

## Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents have been cited in the Search Report:

D1: WO 1999/045204 A  
D2: US 5 656 129 A  
D3: EP 645 491 A  
D4: DE 19 949 975 A

A slurry with organic fibres and a starch adhesive are described in D1 and D2. Therefore claim 1 is obviously not new. The pressure and temperature conditions of the treatment of the fibres according to claim 2 are predescribed in D1 (page 14) and D2 (claims). Therefore claim 2 is not new.

Claim 8, which is concerning functional additives in general, claim 9, which is concerning a water content and claim 11, which is concerning a moulding process are obviously predescribed by D1 and D2. These claims are not new.  
The claims 3-7 and 10, 12 are new and inventive.

Industrial applicability is given for all claims.